# Report of the Governor's Task Force to Improve Access to Oral Health



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## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH

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Governor Jim Doyle 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

We are pleased to present to you the final report of the Governor's Task Force to Improve Access to Oral Health in Wisconsin.

The challenges to improving access to oral health care are daunting but since being appointed to this Task Force, we have been dedicated to the charge set before us. Many of the recommendations in this report were unanimous. Some recommendations have dissenting views that are noted in the report. Regardless of our differing backgrounds and despite our differing views, we worked together to come up with innovative, practical solutions for our oral health access problems in Wisconsin.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this critical effort. We hope you agree that our recommendations will advance our ability to provide access to dental care for all people in Wisconsin and especially for children.

Sincerely,

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